

Long Meadow Matters

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Dear Parents and Carers,

To ensure this doesn't get lost further down, I wish to start today with some **PARKING REMINDERS**. Firstly, it is illegal to park or stop on the yellow zig-zag lines at the front of the school. They are there for the children's safety. People parking on them are liable for an instant fine from parking wardens or the Police. There is no grace period given. Secondly, if you wish to double park in the car park at the front of the school, this can be done on the left hand side as you come in but parents/carers must stay with their vehicle. Thirdly, if you are dropping off children, please complete this in the entrance to the staff car park or alongside the left hand side and not on the bend in the entrance. And finally, please, please, please use the footpath around the car park instead of walking through the car park. A gentle reminder that the pavilion car park just up the road is pretty much deserted for the whole of drop off time!

In support of this we will be taking part in **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK** next week. Again, this is not aligned with the national week due to consistent group closures. We wish to use the tag line of "leave your car at home" as our driver. Coming home today to each family is a map of the area around our school. It will highlight all of the paths and actually how long it will take you to walk from certain areas. Could you park inside the 5min walk zone and finish the journey to school on foot? Could you park in the 10 min zone 2 out of the 4 days? The challenge is on!

Our first **LONG MEADOW LEGENDS** assembly took place virtually this week, and it was great that the classes were able to see each other. Although we are all in the same building it is rare for different year groups to see each other. The winners' names can be found further on in this newsletter with a picture of the display board showing their Legend. For new parents to the school, Legends are given out each week and can be for anything. There is no tick list or rota for the children to receive one, they are earned for going above and beyond.

A huge thank you to all of those parents who signed up for **PARENT CONSULTATIONS** next week using Google Forms. This will be a new way of delivering these and we know there may be some hiccups. Please bear with us through this, it's as new to us as it is to you. If you haven't signed up, please complete the Google Form sent in the link from your child's class teacher.

LOAN ICT DEVICES—As per my previous separate email, we are continuing to develop a contingency plan if we have to close year groups in the future. If your child does not have access to a device that can be connected to Google Classroom at home, please complete the form found [here](#). Thank you to all those who already have.

We have conducted a trial with EYFS and KS1 this week in preparation for offering a **HOT SCHOOL LUNCH** after half term. Finding the timings means we can now plan for the whole school. The children were so well behaved and EYFS were very excited about eating in the hall! For those of you in KS2, the picture shows you an example of the container their food will be served in. The only difference will be the compartment shapes.



Have a great weekend and enjoy your family time.

Mr Gray



Congratulations to

Foxgloves

who achieved **99.3%**
attendance this week!!

**Well done
everybody!**

Please remember **DO NOT**
send your children into school if
they are displaying any of the
following symptoms:

New continuous cough and / or
high temperature and / or a loss
of, change in, normal sense of
taste or smell.

Please contact school reception
on 01908 508678 for advice if
unsure

**Please see
the
attached
parent
factsheet
about
FORTNITE**



Long Meadow Legends

Abbey - Tadpoles

Advit - Minnows

Finley - Sticklebacks

Daisy - Pondskeepers

Kadmiel - Newts

Keona - Frogs

Dries - Bracken

Isla - Hogweed

Felix - Hawthorn

Maisie - Foxgloves

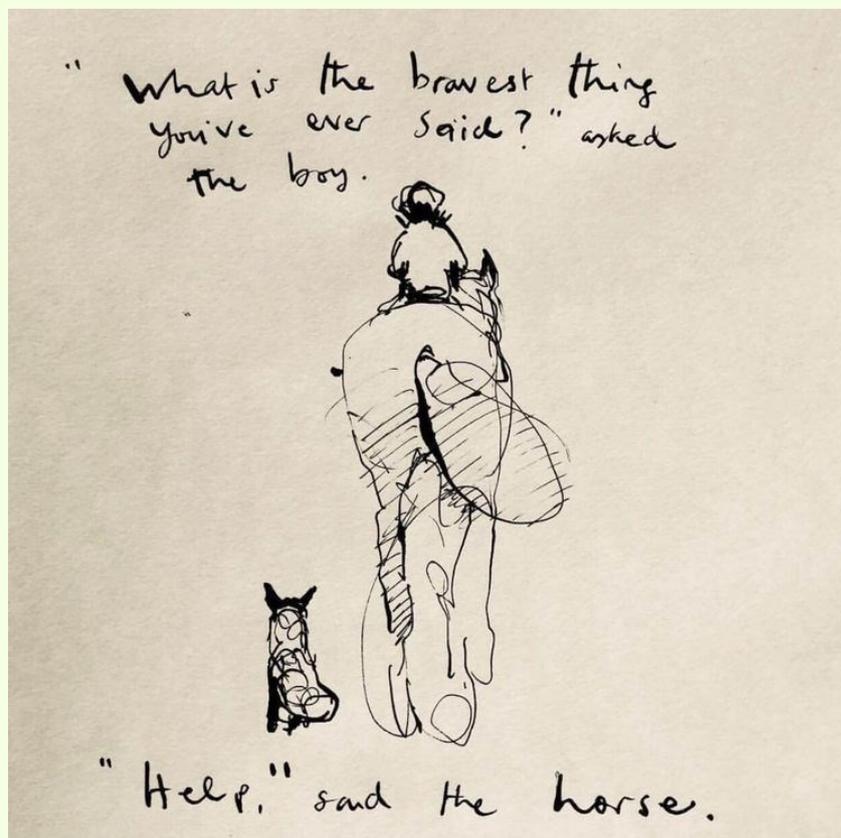
Thomas - Thistles

Sophia - Ferns

Cinar - Teasels

Adam - Brambles





Week 6 – 'help'

We have all brought our own experience back into school from this period in our history. This is children, staff and parents alike. The phrase "new normal" is used quite often but these times are far from normal. These are the times when we must all continue to ask for help. Help with learning, help with parenting, help with life. As a school we pride ourselves on having an open door (even this is electronically and not an actual door). Please continue to talk to us; even if we do not have the answer, we will find or signpost to someone who has. Talk to each other, ask for help, during these times people may surprise you with offers and support.

Harvest Festival is coming up soon, and we are hoping that parents will want to donate to **MK Food Bank** this year. The COVID-19 crisis has caused demand for their emergency food parcels to increase significantly and the need for community donations is higher than ever before.

This year they are asking if we can focus on their most needed items which is a little different from how they usually run their harvest requests. The **SIX ITEMS** they would like us to focus on are as follows:

- Tinned pasta (spaghetti, spaghetti hoops, ravioli, macaroni cheese)
- Tinned custard and rice pudding
- Tinned meat (corned beef, spam, tins of bolognese, chilli con carne, hot dogs, etc.)
- Tinned fruit
- Biscuits
- Long life juice / squash

This year they have a high stock of dried pasta , dried rice & soup, therefore I would discourage you from bringing in these items if possible. Please could you also encourage children to check dates on items as we are unable to use food that is past its best before or use by date.

Finally, due to COVID-19, could we please ask that **NO** carrier bags are used.

All items can be placed in the Food Bank crates in the main entrance.

MIDDAY SUPERVISOR VACANCIES

We are looking for Midday Supervisors to help the children at lunch times. The post is for one hour per day - Monday to Friday – term time only.

Rate of Pay: £9.81 per hour

Would like you to join our existing team to help supervise our children during lunchtimes? You will need to be energetic and have a good sense of humour. Personal warmth and a genuine love of children are essential qualities for this post.

No experience is necessary and training will be given, although you must be able to engage with children and encourage them to play and behave appropriately.

If you are interested please email the School Office for further details and an application form.

**Closing date for applications: Thursday 22nd
October 2020**

This post requires an enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service check. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. We are an equal opportunities employer.